AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory comprising firmware executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a print mechanism in accordance with a first state associated with a capability of for the print mechanism;

receive user selection information indicative of functionality of the print mechanism selected by a user;

in response to receiving the user selection information, transmit first information associated with a indicative of the user selection to a server;

receive second information from the server, where the second information is based on the first information;

change the first state for the print mechanism associated with the capability to a second state using in response to receiving the second information from the server, the second state including the functionality of the print mechanism selected by the user; and

operate the print mechanism in accordance with the second state associated with the capability, wherein the print mechanism is not operable with the functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the second information from the server.

2.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a disabled state of the functionality, and wherein the second state comprises an enabled state of the functionality.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first state comprises a first level of performance, and wherein the second state comprises a second level of performance.

4.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the second information comprises an encryption key.

5.- 6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

~~detect a user input associated with the capability;~~

provide the first information associated with the user selection information ~~input~~ to the server using an external interface; and

receive the second information associated with the capability of the print mechanism in response to providing the first information to the server.

8.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the firmware is executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

provide the first information associated with the user selection information ~~input~~ to the server by providing the first information to a computer system coupled to the external interface.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a print mechanism;

a print engine configured to operate the print mechanism;

means for receiving a first user selection information indicative of functionality of a first capability associated with the print mechanism selected by a user;

in response to receiving the user selection information, means for transmitting the first information indicative of the user selection information to a server;

means for receiving first second information associated with from the server, where the second information is based on the first information selection from the server; and

means for changing a first indicator associated with the an operational state of the print mechanism first capability from a first state to a second state in response to receiving using the first second information from the server, the second state including the functionality of the print mechanism selected by the user,

wherein the print mechanism is not operable with the functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the second information from the server.

10.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

a functional unit operable by the print engine;

means for receiving [[a]] second user selection information indicative of [[a]] second functionality of capability associated with the functional unit selected by the user;

in response to receiving the second user selection information, means for transmitting third information indicative of the second user selection to the server;

means for receiving second fourth information from the server, where the fourth information is based on the third information associated with the second selection from the server; and

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means for changing ~~a second indicator associated with~~ an operational state of the functional unit ~~the second capability~~ from a ~~third~~ first state to a ~~fourth~~ second state ~~in response to receiving~~ using the ~~second~~ fourth information, the third state including the second functionality of the functional unit selected by the user,

wherein the functional unit is not operable with the second functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the fourth information from the server.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the ~~first capability~~ functionality comprises a performance capability.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the ~~first capability~~ functionality comprises an upgrade capability.

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the ~~first capability~~ functionality comprises a functional capability.

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the ~~first capability~~ functionality comprises a renewal capability.

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17.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving ~~a selection of a capability associated with~~ user selection information indicative of functionality of a print engine ~~from a~~ selected by a user;

in response to receiving the user selection information, transmitting ~~the selection~~ first information indicative of the user selection to a server;

receiving second information from the server, where the second information is based on the ~~selection~~ first information; and

changing an operational state of the print engine from a first state to a second state ~~enabling the capability in response to receiving~~ using the second information ~~associated with the capability~~ from the server, the second state including the functionality of the print engine selected by the user,

wherein the print engine is not operable to perform the functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the second information from the server.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

receiving a list of selectable functionalities ~~capabilities~~ from the server, the list including the functionality selected by the user ~~capability~~.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[17]] 18 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to select the functionality ~~capability~~ from the list.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

providing an interface for the user to enter the payment information.

21.　　(Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

providing the payment information to the server.

22.　　(Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

receiving <u>second</u> information associated with the <u>functionality</u> ~~capability~~ from

the server in response to providing the <u>user</u> selection <u>information</u> and the payment

information to the server.

23.　　(Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising

receiving payment information associated with the <u>user</u> selection <u>information</u> from the user.

24.　　(Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein <u>changing</u>

~~enabling~~ the ~~capability~~ <u>operational state of the print engine</u> in response to receiving the

<u>second</u> information ~~associated with the capability~~ from the server comprises changing a print

speed of the print engine.

25.　　(Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein <u>changing</u>

~~enabling~~ the ~~capability~~ <u>operational state of the print engine</u> in response to receiving the

<u>second</u> information ~~associated with the capability~~ from the server comprises changing a print

resolution of the print engine.

26.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein changing ~~enabling~~ the ~~capability~~ operational state of the print engine in response to receiving the second information ~~associated with the capability~~ from the server comprises upgrading software or hardware.

27.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

receiving a second user selection information indicative of second functionality of ~~a capability associated with~~ a functional unit [[from]] selected by the user;

in response to receiving the second user selection information, transmitting third information indicative of the second user selection to the server;

receiving from the server, fourth information based on the third information ~~associated with the capability associated with the functional unit~~; and

changing an operational state of ~~enabling the capability associated with~~ the functional unit to a third state, in response to receiving the fourth information from the server, ~~information associated with the capability associated with~~ the third state including the second functionality of the functional unit selected by the user,

wherein the functional unit is not operable to perform the second functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the fourth information from the server.

28.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the second functionality ~~capability~~ associated with the functional unit comprises a facsimile capability.

29.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the second functionality ~~capability~~ associated with the functional unit comprises a scanner capability.

30.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the firmware is further executable by the processor to cause the processor to:

operate a functional unit in accordance with a third state ~~associated with a capability of the functional unit~~;

receive second user selection information indicative of second functionality of the functional unit selected by a user;

in response to receiving the second user selection information, transmit third information indicative of the second user selection to the server;

receive fourth information from the server, where the fourth information is based on the third information;

change the third state ~~associated with the capability of the functional unit~~ to a fourth state using ~~in response to receiving third~~ fourth information from the server, the fourth state including the second functionality of the functional unit selected by the user; and

operate the functional unit in accordance with the fourth state, wherein the functional unit is not operable with the second functionality selected by the user prior to receiving the fourth information from the server ~~associated with the capability of the functional unit~~.

31.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a facsimile function.

32.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the functional unit is configured to perform a scanner function.

33.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the <u>functionality</u> ~~capability~~ of the print mechanism comprises a print speed.

34.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the <u>functionality</u> ~~capability~~ of the print mechanism comprises a print resolution.

35.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the <u>functionality</u> ~~capability~~ of the print mechanism comprises a software or hardware upgrade.

36.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.

37.   (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the system comprises a printer with multiple hardware modules.

38.   (New) The system of claim 37, wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.

39.   (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.

40.   (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the system comprises a printer with multiple hardware modules.

41.   (New) The system of claim 40, wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.

42.   (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the functionality comprises at least one of performance capabilities, renewable capabilities, and upgrade capabilities.

43.   (New) A printer with multiple hardware modules that includes the method of claim 17.

44.   (New) The printer of claim 43 wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.

45.   (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the print engine operates within a printer with multiple hardware modules.

46.   (New) The printer of claim 45 wherein the functionality comprises enabling at least one of the hardware modules.